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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ALLIED REACTIONS TO RECENT GDR ACTIONS
AFFECTING BERLIN

REF: BONN 5777(EXDIS)

1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY VINE REACHED BRITISH DCM
MORETON AT HOME APRIL 2 TO EXPRESS US CONCERN ABOUT PLANNED
VISIT IN NEXT FEW WEEKS TO EAST BERLIN BY FCO JUNIOR
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MINISTER LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS, WHICH FCO INTENDS TO
ANNOUNCE APRIL 5.

2. VINE POINTED OUT THAT US HAD DROPPED PLANS FOR EARLY
VISIT TO EAST BERLIN BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN IN
ORDER TO MAKE CLEAR TO GDR THAT MEASURES DIRECTED AT
UNDERMINING FOUR POWER STATUS OF BERLIN WOULD INEVITABLY

HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON BILATERAL RELATIONS. FRENCH
CALLED OFF PLANS FOR VISIT TO EAST BERLIN BY FRENCH
FOREIGN MINISTER TO MAKE SAME POINT.

3. VINE STRESSED THAT IT WOULD BE AN UNFORTUNATE SIGN OF
ALLIED DISUNITY ON QUESTION OF SERIOUSNESS OF GDR
MEASURES IF GORONWY-ROBERTS VISIT SHOULD TAKE PLACE.
VINE EXPRESSED PARTICULAR CONCERN ABOUT REASONING OF UK
REP IN TRIPARTITE MEETING IN BONN MARCH 31 (REFTEL) WHO,
BY STATING THAT MAJOR BURDEN TO REACT TO GDR MEASURES IS
ON US (IN OVERALL RELATIONSHIP WITH SOVIETS) AND FRG
(IN TRADE RELATIONSHIP WITH GDR) SEEMED TO IMPLY THAT
BRITISH FELT LESS CONSTRAINED TO FOLLOW POLICIES IN
PARALLEL WITH OTHER ALLIES ON BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH GDR.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY LONDON REINFORCE DEPT'S DEMARCHE BY
WEIGHING IN WITH FCO MORNING APRIL 5.
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